# NETWORK NEWS

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## Editor's Desk

Dear SWSers,

This issue of *Network News* shares news from our members about the many happenings within our organization from the Winter '22-'23 season. Including important announcements from leadership, committee announcements, sections to honor recent awardees, news of our professional achievements, resources for year round virtual feminist engagement opportunities for members, and more!

If you are a student member, be sure to check out the Student Caucus update and consider responding to the annual SWS Annual Student Caucus Committee Survey 2023-2024,

Please send news of your publications, accomplishments, feminist impact work, committee reports, inquiries for Timely Topics, etc. for the **2023 Spring Issue** to swsnewsletter@socwomen.org by **May 15, 2023.** I am always seeking input for ways to make *NN* a more valuable resource for our membership, please reach out with your suggestions and feedback. This publication is for all of us!

In Solidarity,

*Melissa D. Day*

*NN* Editor (2021-2025)

## Co-Presidents' Column

Happy Spring to you! It is hard to believe that it has been over two months since our 2023 Winter Meeting on "Sexualities and Migrations in the Context of Global Justice," in New Orleans. The intellectually-engaging conference and the complex and exciting city of New Orleans gave us much food for thought as we returned to our homes and campuses in January.

We were truly inspired by the excellent presentations, conversations, and calls to action from the meeting. We are so grateful for the plenaries, presidential panels, and other sessions that stimulated us to think critically about some of the most pressing feminist issues of our times including national/transnational identities, sexual migration and globalization, migrations of trans/non-binary people, decolonizing sexual knowledges, reproductive justice, and challenges in reproductive health for poor and racially marginalized populations. We are especially pleased that we were able to include many local activists in our plenaries, presidential and other panels who are working on the front lines in the struggles for migrant, racial, and trans justice, reproductive freedom, and human rights. It was wonderful meeting and working with colleagues from Tulane, Xavier, the University of New Orleans, and Loyola University New Orleans!

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In addition to extending our heartfelt thanks to all our panelists, we would like to express our gratitude to Mary Romero, the 2021 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Awardee, Brittany Battle for her inspiring talk as the 2021 Distinguished Feminist Activism Awardee, and Ochy Curiel as the 2022 SWS Honorary Feminist Sociologist.

We are especially pleased that our fundraising efforts provided $2,988 for The Birthmark Doula Collective, a birth justice organization in New Orleans advancing reproductive health. Thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising and to Latona Giwa, of Birthmark Doula Collective, for participating in our meeting and sharing with us her insights into the importance of reproductive justice.

The outstanding dedication and incredible hard work of our Executive Officer, Barret Katuna, and Natasha Santana, who is now our Administrative Officer, made our meeting a success! We thank our amazing Program and Local Arrangements Committees, and the Task Force on Language Accessibility.

At the conclusion of our Winter Meeting, some concerns were expressed regarding cultural appropriation and the disrespect of Black religious practices that occurred at our conference. In response to this issue, we invited Dr. Tracey Hucks and Dr. Dianne Stewart, two experts in African and African Diasporic religious studies, to give a presentation to our members. Their work in this field is pathbreaking and we are including a short bio with references to their books, which you might want to read for further exploration.

**Tracey Hucks** is the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Africana Religious Studies at Harvard Divinity School and Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute. She is the author of *Yoruba Traditions and African American Religious Nationalism* (2012) and *Obeah, Orisa and Religious Identity in Trinidad: Volume One: Africans in the White Colonial Imagination* (2022). **Dianne Stewart** is the Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Emory University. She is the author of *Three Eyes for the Journey: African Dimensions of the Jamaican Religious Experience* (2005), *Black Women, Black Love: America's War on African American Marriage* (2020), and Volume 2 of *Obeah, Orisa and Religious Identity in Trinidad, Orisa: Africana Nations and the Power of Black Sacred Imagination* (2022).

On March 2, 2023 Tracey and Dianne gave an online presentation, "African Heritage Traditions in the Diaspora: An Introduction," which was well-received by our members. They expanded our knowledge of Black spirituality in the Americas from slavery to the present and explored the broad range of nations and cultures in which these religious practices were grounded. At the same time, these presenters demonstrated how religious practices and ethnic identities were adapted and recreated in the Americas, with examples such as how "Yorubaness can be seen as an African Diasporic project!" Stemming from the period of the slave trade, Africans in the Americas used statues and other objects to seek protection from the traumas they were experiencing in slavery. Such efforts to achieve protection from the racial traumas, violence and social ills of the present through religious and spiritual practices still persist among Black populations today. We extend our deepest thanks for the outstanding, enlightening talks given by these two feminist scholars!

For the 2023 Summer Meeting in Philadelphia, we are pursuing a new workshop format with a few keynote talks by our Feminist Activist and our Honorary Feminist Sociologist Awardees (please read the description of our 2023 Summer Meeting at the end of this issue). We are also planning a one-day online conference for student presentations in September. We are eager to work with you on these events and look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia this August!

With our warmest wishes for a delightful spring,

*Mary Osirim & Melanie Heath*
SWS Co-Presidents

PHOTO: Mary J. Osirim, SWS Co-President

PHOTO: Melanie Heath, SWS Co-President

# Our Gratitude to Past President, Roberta Villalón

### By: Barret Katuna, Natasha Santana, and Melissa D. Day

On behalf of our entire organization we extend an enthusiastic "THANK YOU!" to our Past President, Roberta Villalón. Roberta served as President of SWS in 2022. During this time, Roberta helped to sustain and grow our organization with her presidential goals and initiatives. Her leadership focused especially on issues of inclusivity and language justice.

Roberta established three Task Forces during her Presidency. First, a Task Force on Inclusivity that collectively determined that we should work with external consultants to help us do a diversity, equity, and inclusion assessment of our organization. The assessment will begin later this Spring 2023. Second, Roberta convened the Task Force on Institutional Memory to ensure that we are preserving SWS history by hearing from past SWS leaders who have shaped our history. This task force will also ensure that we are chronicling the voices of our current SWS leaders. Soon, we will start conducting interviews. Please stay tuned and reach out to us in the Executive Office if you're interested in participating. Third, Roberta formed a Task Force on Language Accessibility that implemented a system for language translation at meetings via Zoom and also through live interpretation. This language justice initiative made it possible for SWS Members to hear from scholars throughout the world at the 2022 Winter Meeting and has led to an understanding of how we can globalize SWS via language accessibility. We are excited that SWS is embarking on this journey to reach a wider international audience.

Roberta worked tirelessly to ensure that we would be able to have the 2022 Winter Meeting in person at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. Together, with the Program Committee Chair for that meeting, Tracy Ore, we spent hours and hours working to reconfigure the January meeting to make it work in the new time at the end of March/early April. Roberta was committed to giving our members the meeting that they had longed for after not being able to meet in person in 2021. Through virtual, hybrid, and in-person options, we flexed to our member needs and it could not have been done without Roberta's resolute commitment.

Roberta's leadership also extends into her investment in the Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective. Along with other SWS Members, Erika Busse-Cardenas, Nancy López, and Verónica Montes, Roberta established this group that has been offering workshops and virtual gatherings. According to their website, "The Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective is a space to share, validate, reflect, and coproduce knowledge for liberation about being a critically conscious Latin+ Feminist Scholar in the Global North." To learn more, please visit their site: https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/. The Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective was especially active at the 2022 Summer Meeting in Los Angeles, California through their programming that centered on the Marea Verde and raised funds for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice through donations for the green bandanas.

Another of Roberta's goals was to establish the SWS YouTube channel! Our Channel currently has 32 videos and 54 subscribers. Videos uploaded include past plenaries, panels, book salons and workshops. Some highlights include: Honoring Esther Chow's Trajectory and Legacy, a talk from the Inaugural Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction-Winter 2022, and Emergency Plenary on Reproductive Justice (English)/ (Emergency Plenary In Spanish).

It was Roberta's vision to establish the Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction and we are so pleased that we were able to feature Ochy Curiel's talk virtually at the 2022 Winter Meeting and then that we were able to host and honor her in-person at our 2023 Winter Meeting. *(Photo on left.)*

Subscribe to the SWS YouTube Channel and receive notifications once SWS uploads a new video by visiting this link: https://www.youtube.com/@sociologistsforwomeninsociety.

Co-Presidents Melanie Heath and Mary Osirim especially thank Roberta for her committed service as SWS President and the work she has done to promote equity and language justice.

PHOTO:

Roberta Villalón, Past SWS President

Roberta, we look forward to your leadership as the incoming Chair of the Nominations and Personnel Committees. Thank you for your dedication and service to our organization. There are countless ways that you've contributed to SWS as our President and we have highlighted some of the major ways. There is so much behind the scenes work you've done for SWS and we are most grateful for your time and energy.

SWS celebrates all of our Past Presidents who have faced diverse challenges. Please take a look at SWS leaders who have shaped who we are today. To learn more about all SWS Past Presidents and officers, visit our website.

# President-Elect Message

## S.L. Crawley

Dear wonderful SWS members,

PHOTO: S.L. Crawley, SWS President-Elect

I've been asked to introduce myself as President-elect and to share some sketches of my thoughts on the Winter and Summer meetings next year. In this era of political divide, I've been thinking about what radical inclusion looks like. I believe this has been a goal for SWS all along but one that we are still working to achieve. SWS was born in the second wave feminist political moment and for many years it reflected that origin - as a grassroots-based, largely (but not entirely) white organization working to gain legitimacy for women sociologists and for the study of gender. When I joined in the early 2000s, SWS was already lesbian-inclusive. Still, there was work to do to become fully racially inclusive. In the past two decades, I have witnessed SWS grow, mature, and morph to become a financially-secure, professionalized organization that has grappled with increasingly diverse social justice topics - especially now centering intersectional and transnational scholarship, LGBTQ+/trans, and racially-diverse scholars, foregrounding leadership by women of color and transnational scholars. The organization has much to be proud of.

While SWS is presently inclusive of trans scholars, I do not believe SWS has yet had its queer moment. By queer, I mean deeply constructionist and anti-essentialist - refusing bounded categories with natural essences. Who are we "for" when we are "for women in society"? Women of color and transnational scholars have already asked this important question: Which women are included? Reflection on that question has made SWS more racially inclusive. Is SWS fully gender-inclusive? It has been three decades since Judith Butler asked the question: who are "women" (referencing specifically Black Feminist, Chicana, and transnational feminisms centering intersectional difference)? In doing so, Butler encouraged reflection on identity itself. What is our likeness? Our central mission? Must we dispense with the identity "women" to be gender-inclusive? My own feeling is that an organization for whom the majority of members identify as women should not shy away from that word. Yet, does being "for women" include all our work and all our members? What does radical inclusion look like? In the post-Roe and anti-trans moment of direct political attacks on bodily autonomy, naming, and inclusion have heightened importance.

Amassing a racially-, gender-, internationally-, and generationally-diverse team, I am excited to organize meetings around the question: What would it mean to queer SWS? This will involve pressing each other on how categories of gender, race, class, nationalisms, among others cause pleasure and, at times, trauma. As a person who identifies as trans and lesbian, I see identities as multiple, messy, and particular. I see myself as a bridge figure - inbetween generations. A little too young to be of the second wave, I have still been around long enough to have some institutional memory. I also remember well the anxieties of graduate school. I believe I can speak to and across generations. I believe that representing the in-between, the messy, can be valuable now. I want to do a lot of listening. I know that my colleagues, who are all smart, passionate, savvy, and caring, can work out better and better ways to engage in radical inclusion.

These are tumultuous times and challenging issues. There are so many issues that deserve the attention of feminist, queer, critical sociologists—the fall of Roe and the risk of losing reproductive autonomy, political resistance to gender diversity, violence toward people of color, state violence toward people wishing to immigrate or cross borders, carceral state violence toward BIPOC and trans people, lack of access to health care, ongoing challenges for women to gain institutional access to leadership, war and imperialism, and on and on and on. As a large organization, SWS can address many issues simultaneously via collegial support across our membership. Each of us cannot be experts in all topics or pulled into every extremely important social issue. But as a group - a coalition - we can do amazing things. In the words of Patricia Hill Collins, I think we can be "both/and." We should take cues from the past and return our gaze to Combahee River Collective's notion of coalitional politics - a statement far ahead of its time.

While we invite scholars at every level of academia, I particularly want to invite graduate students. I didn't find SWS until after I had my first tenure-track job and I wish I had connected sooner. There are so many organizations and tasks competing for our time and attention while training as a student and working to secure a stable place in the discipline (which many older scholars still strive to achieve). What I subsequently found out is that SWS offers a lot of coaching for junior scholars in ways that aren't always available in one's home department. Further, everyone who wrote for my tenure file was an SWS member. (Unlike other states, Florida has "Sunshine Laws" that require open, transparency of letters. Hence, I knew who wrote for me.) They knew of me and my work from SWS. Importantly, SWS takes on difficult topics and tasks with feminist collegiality rather than androcentric competition models of academia. As such, the goal is to try to support other scholars, rather than to tear them down. It's a model of academia that I endorse wholeheartedly - and one that benefits grad students, in particular, in

my opinion.

I don't mean to suggest too rosy a picture. Interactionally and structurally, SWS continues to deal with all the tensions and frustrations of the wider world - racisms, imperialisms, heteronormativity, and age-based antagonisms, among others. Yet, this organization has continued to grapple with and grow through these issues and is now more racially diverse and transnational than at any other moment. We need more people who can guide difficult conversations, bridge long-standing sensitivities, and seek our commonalities. This work is tough, important, and, ultimately, I believe, generative and joyful.

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# From the Executive Officer

Greetings from the SWS Executive Office!

It's been an exciting start to 2023 with our in-person meeting in New Orleans in early January, virtual committee meetings, the SWS Commission on the Status of Women programming earlier this month, and a major change in the Executive Office with Natasha Santana, coming on board as our full-time Administrative Officer!

PHOTO: Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer

I am delighted to report that starting on March 1, 2023, Natasha Santana has accepted this position! Many of you know Natasha from our in-person meetings and amazingly supportive emails. Natasha first started working for SWS as an Intern back in 2018 when she was an undergraduate student, majoring in Communication with a minor in Sociology, at the University of Connecticut. Natasha is presently working on her M.A. in Interactive Media and Communications. My home office is in South Glastonbury, Connecticut and Natasha's home office is in Manchester, Connecticut. Being physically very close to one another has been incredibly helpful as we try to meet in person at least once a month to talk through major projects. Having Natasha on board for SWS full-time means that we can do more for our members and grow the organization even more in the years to come as we look for more programmatic opportunities and collaborations in addition to funding opportunities through grants and fundraising.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to network with the UN CSW Delegation for SWS and to attend the Parallel Side Event that we hosted in person. You can read more about this programming here. I am most grateful to the International Committee, led by Fumilayo Showers (Chair of the International Committee) and Solange Simões (Lead UN Delegate to the Economic and Social Council). Stay tuned for more information from the International Committee as they will share their experiences. I do hope that those of you who would like to learn more about this very active committee will reach out to the leadership to see how you might become more involved. This is the SWS Committee that I first joined back when I was a graduate student in 2008 and I am so happy to see how it's grown over the years.

**Advice for Members (especially new members looking to meet people)**: Find a committee that you're interested in and get involved. If you have a specific skill that would be beneficial to a committee, that is icing on the cake! I had background insights into the inner workings of the United Nations from interning there (for the former Department of Public Information, Non-Governmental Organization Section) in 2005. I volunteered to help out with the SWS International Committee and the rest is history! I felt so welcomed by committee members.

PHOTO: Barret Katuna outside of the United Nations on March 14, 2023

Mary Osirim, Melanie Heath, and I are busy coordinating plans for the 2023 Summer Meeting. If you have ideas for Summer Meeting Workshops, please contact an SWS Committee Chair or Co-Chair before May 1, 2023. If you want to learn more about who's in leadership, please go HERE. We do not have an open submissions call this summer and we are going to be focusing more on committee-led workshops. Please visit our 2023 Summer Meeting website for more details on our programming that will take place on August 19 and 20 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. As always, we are grateful to ASA for their support in providing us this ample meeting space.

Please spread the word regarding all the great programming we're doing. I am always happy to hear feedback from our members. Please feel free to reach out if there are ever ways that I can be of support.

Best wishes,

*Barret Katuna*

SWS Executive Officer

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# COMMITTEE NEWS & REPORTS

## Current Committee Chairs

Each year at the Winter Meeting new officers and committee (co)chairs begin their terms. Welcome to our newest slate of committee chairs! You can learn more about all of the SWS committees on our website.

**Academic Justice** - LaTonya J. Trotter & Andrea N. Hunt
**Awards** - Maria Cecilia Hwang
**ASA Minority Fellowship Program Liaison** - Andrea Gómez Cervantes
**Career Development** - Sharla Alegria & Mindy Fried
**Committee on Committees** - Veronica Montes
**Discrimination** - Beatriz Padilla & Marisela Martinez-Cola
**International** - Fumilayo Showers
**Investment** - G. Donald Ferree, Jr.
**Media Relations** - Erin Baker
**Membership** - Veronica Montes
**Nominations** - Roberta Villalón
**Personnel** - Roberta Villalón
**Publications Committee** - Chaitanya Lakkimsetti & Manisha Desai
**Sister to Sister** - LaToya Council & Pallavi Banerjee
**Social Action** - Evonnia Woods & Heather Hlavka
**Student Caucus** - Alexis Grant-Panting & Pedrom Nasiri

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## ACADEMIC JUSTICE

### Co-Chairs: LaTonya J. Trotter and Andrea N. Hunt

The Committee on Academic Justice's mission is to support members in navigating structural and institutional forms of exclusion and inequality in academia. One of the key ways we live out that mission is by continuing to organize the Higher Ed Action Team (H.E.A.T.) as a space to share experiences, support, and strategies to address the increasing austerity measures on our campuses. These conversations have connected people across campuses and increased awareness of the ways in which administrative decisions are part of the corporatization of higher education.

As a direct result of these conversations, the committee organized a session at the SWS winter meeting co–sponsored with the Social Action Committee (co-chairs Heather Hlavka and Kris DeWelde) and Heather Laube and Rebecca Plante were the panelists. The panelists provided some initial thoughts for the attendees on what authority measures might look like across institutions followed by more informal conversation in small groups. The focus then shifted to strategies, and attendees discussed with each other and then with the larger group actions that they have taken at their institutions. The session was well-attended and engaging. Thank you to Heather Hlavka, Kris De Welde, Heather Laube, and Rebecca Plante for your guidance and assistance. The goal of "consciousness-raising" was met. Be on the lookout for spring H.E.A.T. meetings and find out what's next! H.E.A.T. meets monthly during the academic year, so if you want to get involved, stay tuned to the listserve for dates and times!

At the winter meeting, we also supported a panel through co-sponsorship with the Student Caucus, "Navigating the Conflicts Around Scholar Activism." Thank you to Alexis Grant-Panting for her leadership in co-sponsoring the panel, to our panelists Florence Castillo, Popy Begum, Pedrom Nasiri, Esther Hernández–Medina, and Rui Jie Peng, and to the moderator, Angela Vergara.

Finally, our committee is actively in conversation about how to revise and re-envision both the Lavender and Feminist Reports that informed members about how feminist friendly departements were. Both historically served as a resource for SWS members; however, there was a clear need to move both towards a more intersectional lens, as well as to create a set of shared resources that could be more flexibly updated and, therefore, more sustainable. At our winter committee meeting, many good suggestions were made by those who attended. So stay tuned for how we ultimately decide to build on these important reports.

We continue to move forward on these and other collaborations throughout the year. So if you're looking to get involved, feel free to contact the co-chairs or attend our open committee meetings!

# AWARDS

## Chair: Maria Cecilia Hwang

**SPRING AWARDS & DEADLINES**
**Awards with the April 1, 2023 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time deadline are:**

- Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship
- Beth B. Hess Memorial Dissertation Scholarship
- Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship
- Social Actions Initiative Awards

For more information on each award, visit our website: https://socwomen.org/awards/

Submit applications through the SWS Member Portal. You do not need to be an SWS member to apply or nominate someone for these awards, but you need to use the portal.

SWS is pleased to recognize many forms of outstanding feminist work. SWS gives awards at the Awards Reception during the Summer Meeting, held each August, and at the Winter Meeting, held each January/February. Awards with an October 1 deadline are given at the Winter Meeting. Awards with an April 1 deadline are given at the Summer Meeting.

**Awards Form:** https://sws.memberclicks.net/awardsapril2023

****If you are interested in making a gift to support any of our awards or scholarships, please contact Barret Katuna, Executive Officer, at swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com, or make a gift via this form: https://sws.memberclicks.net/donation-form.**

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## Congratulations to Dr. Zakiya Luna, the 2023 SWS Feminist Lecturer Award Winner!

PHOTO: Zakiya Luna

The 2023 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award Winner is Dr. Zakiya Luna. The SWS Distinguished Lectureship was founded in 1985 as a way of recognizing members whose scholarship employs a feminist perspective, and of making this feminist scholar available to campuses that are isolated, rural, located away from major metropolitan areas, underfunded, and without the resources needed to invite guest speakers, and/or characterized by hostility to feminist scholarship. A key goal of the program is to provide a feminist voice on campuses where such a perspective is unusual and/or unwelcome.

Thank you to the SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Subcommittee that was comprised of Shobha Hamal Gurung (Chair), Christobel Asiedu, Jill Bystydzienski, Margarita Levine, Sara Tyberg, and Marcella Gemelli.

Zakiya Luna is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Dean's Distinguished Professorial Scholar at Washington University in Saint Louis. Her research, teaching and community work focus on social movements, reproduction, human rights, and intersectionality. She has published multiple peer-reviewed articles and chapters and secured multiple grants including from the National Science Foundation. Her research on the reproductive justice movement includes the book *Reproductive Rights as Human Rights: Women of Color and the Fight for Reproductive Justice*, which was included on the Oprah Daily list "The 12 Books You Need to Read Post the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* Smackdown." She is coeditor of *Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis* with Whitney Laster Pirtle. Her other writing includes contribution to *Ms.* and Refinery 29. Professor Luna earned a joint PhD in Sociology and Women's Studies from University of Michigan, where she also earned a Master of Social Work. She was a University of California (UC) President's Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Berkeley affiliated with the Departments of Gender and Women's Studies, Sociology and the Center for the Study of Law and Society. She was hosted by the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at Berkeley Law, which she accidentally helped co-found (long story). She was also the Mellon Sawyer Seminar Human Rights Postdoc at University of Wisconsin, a Woodrow Wilson

Career Enhancement Fellow and member of inaugural cohort (2019) of Society of Family Planning Changemakers in Family Planning.

As noted in her nomination materials collected by Victoria Reyes and Whitney Pirtle:

*Dr. Luna is a dedicated teacher, a key part of her feminist praxis. She has developed many courses in order to teach students about feminist and sociological principles, including seminars of Intersectionality, Gender, Race, and Class, Reproduction, Reproductive Justice, Sociology of Gender, and Social Movements. Innovation, just as in her research, is also found in her pedagogy. For example, she was part of the collaboration between the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at Berkeley Law /Center for Race and Gender that created the Center for Race & Gender Reproductive Justice Working Group while a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley and has advised many students in the area of gender, sexuality, intersectionality, reproductive justice and social movements.*

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*Dr. Luna has also established herself as one of the most visible advocates of Black feminist sociology and praxis with an inspiring record of service, community activism and public scholarship. She has worked and marched alongside activists to increase rights for women of color in particular. Her commitment and labor for social justice in the academy and beyond was evident in graduate school. Four scholars, Drs. Hirschfield, Kazyak, Pfeffer, and Scherrer all met Dr. Luna while they were all in graduate school together and note that even then, "Dr. Luna quickly emerged as a leader at UM, working to organize across several cohorts to ensure graduate student rights and well-being, particularly among those most marginalized within the discipline."*

*Dr. Bridges, a former colleague of Dr. Luna's when she was at University of California, Santa Barbara, writes that her feminist praxis also "left a lasting impact on our department, having instituted many changes that have made work in the department more equitable, transparent, and considered with shared goals in mind." Her current WUSTL colleagues agree to the transformative character of Dr. Luna's scholarship and praxis, note in their supporting letter that "Her commitment to forging collaborative networks that directly draw power from, as well as speak to, reproductive justice activists epitomizes the promise of an engaged, public sociology. And of course, this work has never been more urgent following the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe earlier this year."*

PHOTO (by Tracy Ore): Zakiya Luna and Victoria Reyes at the Winter Meeting Awards Ceremony

## Congratulations to Jun Zhou, 2023 SWS Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner!

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) established The Cheryl Allyn Miller Award for graduate students and recent PhDs. working in the area of women and paid work: employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award honors the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist, and feminist who studied women and paid work.

The 2023 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner is Jun Zhou.

Thank you to the Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Subcommittee that included Laura Bunyan (Chair), Suki Xiao, Rianka Roy, Sarah A. Robert, and Lisa Dilks.

**Jun Zhou** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan, a student affiliate with the Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, and a certificate holder in the Science, Technology & Society Program. Her research interests intersect gender/sexuality, political economy, and science and technology studies.

Jun's dissertation project is a comparative study of gender in the political economy by tracing the varying human-machine relations across China's manufacturing and digital labor regimes. Specifically, drawing on ethnographic and historical methods, this project looks at how digital technologies such as algorithms reconfigure human-machine relations in digital workplaces compared to those in the pre-digital age. Juxtaposing the panopticon-style machinery on assembly lines that restrict women's body in time and space and present-day technologies of tracking, surveilling, and valuing on digital platforms, the project attends to both the continuities and ruptures of (apparently) new digital machinery with antecedent forms of capital accumulation and state control.

Jun's article looks at how women negotiate work-family relations when the family is internal to their work and how much autonomy women can attain during this process. Drawing on ethnographic data in Chicago's Chinatown and in-depth interviews with immigrant women entrepreneurs, the article examines how women construct the boundary between "family" and "business" even though the business-making practices in the market are undergirded by the thick gendered kinship relations grounded in the family. The article offers implications of their entangled work-family experiences on the implicit power relations and inequalities in the increasingly informal and irregular workplace against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic and mass unemployment. Read more about Jun HERE.

PHOTOS: Jun Zhou (left), Jun receiving her award at the Winter Meeting Awards Ceremony (right, by Tracy Ore)

# Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Awardees' Campus Visits

## Katie Acosta (2020 Awardee) Visits Carroll College

Dear Sociologists for Women in Society,

We want to express our enormous gratitude to SWS for supporting Dr. Katie Acosta's visit to Carroll College this spring. Katie generously participated in a full schedule during her time in Helena, and we certainly made the most of her visit. Students from Gender Studies, Sociology, and Spanish attended a luncheon with Katie during which the conversation ranged from Katie's research with asylees to the challenges of doing feminist research at a state institution in the south. Our students immediately felt rapport with Katie and were soon sharing some of their own challenges of studying feminist scholarship at a private Catholic institution. After lunch, two students took Katie to the new "MPWRMNT Center" office to proudly show her the feminist advocacy work they are doing here. (This work is somewhat under the radar. Katie got a tour before almost anyone else at the college even knew about the center's existence!)

Katie also came to our GNDR/HI 309 Gender History course and had an informal and very meaningful 75-minute visit with students and guests. Katie discussed how she came to do feminist scholarship, what it means to engage in spiritual activism, the most intriguing findings and remaining questions to come out of her research, and more. After class, I noticed a Black student stay after to talk to Katie one-on-one. The Carroll community is largely white, and I felt enormous gratitude for this moment, enabling one of our students to meet this incredible feminist of color.

Lastly, Katie's evening talk was a huge success. We had about 60 people attend in person and about 60 people virtually. These are large numbers for evening academic events at Carroll, and this was one of the first in-person events this spring. Students and faculty from a variety of disciplines were among the attendees. We had previously invited community members from various local LGBTQ+ related groups and had some attend as well. Audience members were engaged, and the Q&A discussion was lively. Afterwards, about half a dozen faculty stayed to continue the conversation for a bit longer before letting Katie go.

Feedback from the talk was virtually all positive. Many faculty had students formally reflect on the talk, and themes in these reflections ranged from surprise at themselves for never having thought about lesbian step-families before to familiarity between Katie's research and their own stepfamily experiences. One of our students brought her mother, stepfather, and grandma, none of whom had ever attended college. They shared that the talk gave them a lot to reflect on and they were impressed with the experiences that their daughter/granddaughter was getting to think critically about our world.

Katie's short time here was impactful. Our faculty and students anticipated her visit for many months and having her come has been a point of pride for all of us involved in Sociology and Gender Studies. Even beyond the formal talk and informal conversations, Katie's presence on campus was symbolic and powerful. Please accept our sincerest gratitude for selecting us as the recipients of the Distinguished Feminist Scholar Awardee visit.

Very Best,
Jamie Dolan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Sociology and Gender Studies, Carroll College

PHOTOS: 2020 Feminist Lecturer Awardee Dr. Katie Costa delivering a public on-campus talk about her research on plural parenting at Carroll College (left); Dr. Katie Costa and colleagues at Carroll College (right)

## Angela Hattery (2019 Awardee) Visits CalPoly

I am so grateful to SWS for providing funding for the opportunity for Dr. Hattery to visit CalPoly and that you were flexible with us so that we could extend the award to host her in person. It was so great to have Angie and Earl on campus to engage face to face with my WGQS, Sociology, and Criminal Justice students. We were able to host a well attended public talk and a more intimate session on research methods and graduate school. The students were impacted so much by Angie's lecture on solitary confinement that I hope to bring her back to campus when the new book is out.
-Kylie Parrotta

PHOTOS: 2019 Feminist Lecturer Awardee Dr. Angela J. Hattery talking about her research with students at CalPoly (left); Dr. Angela J. Hattery and Earl Smith viewing the Pacific Coast Highway (right)

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### Co-Chairs: Sharla Alegria and Mindy Fried

Dear SWSers -

***Ask Alix:*** We're thrilled to announce that Rebecca Plante and Asmita Aasaavari are the new Co-Coordinators of the *Ask Alix* column!

As you may know, this column – formerly called *Hey Jane* – was launched in 2004. The first entry started with this question: "Hey Jane! I'm not sure if I should put up a poster about a political rally on my office door. Should I?" *Jane* launched into a nearly 400-word response, including: "What is the "door culture" in your department/on your campus? Do others hang such items on their doors? If so, then you might feel free to do the same. If political views are not expressed, then don't do it".

Over the years, topics have included advice on service loads, negotiating and navigating a joint appointment, finding a postdoc, dealing with a difficult chair, and many more.

Going back to 2013, editors have included Laura Kramer and Christin Munsch. And writers have included Tina Fetner, Michele Jacobs, Kristine Kilanski, Trenton Haltom, Stephanie Nawyn, Garbrielle Roesch-McNally, Wanda Rushing, Michele Scott, Stacy Williams and Kathrin Zippel. And thanks to Susan Deitch, who helped us launch *Ask Alix*.

As Asmita and Rebecca take over the reins, there will be some changes. For one thing, the advice column will be more easily accessible, as it will be published both on the SWS blog and in *Network News*. Please welcome Rebecca and Asmita! And think about YOUR burning questions for *Alix* (and answers)!

**SWS Applied Sociology Website:** Also, we are thrilled to announce the new SWS Applied Sociology Website! (https://socwomen.org/sws-applied-sociology/) Thanks to Christelle Lachapelle for persisting with endless additions and edits, and creating this wonderful site! And thanks, as always, to Barret and Natasha, for their consistent support!

We are ALWAYS looking for more resources, so PLEASE send me your resources related to applied sociology, including your applied sociology video stories and/or audio interviews, and your blog posts and podcast episodes.

Finally, thanks to all the contributors to the site, as listed below. Can't wait to see how this site grows with your input!
The site includes:

- Biographies of SWS applied sociologists, done in partnership with Applied Worldwide, founded by Stephanie Wilson.
- Video and audio interviews with applied sociologists, including: Melissa Abad, Machienvee Lammey, Andres Lopez, Colleen Schoenfeld, Chriss Sneed
- Blog posts and podcast episodes by applied sociologists and/or about applied sociology, including: Applied Sociology group, Dani Jauk-Ajamie, Mindy Fried, Meg Krausch, Stephanie Wilson, Zuleyka Zevallos
- Webinar speakers, including: Melissa Abad, Chloe Bird, Jenny Irons, Andres Lopez
- Information on the Mentoring program for those interested in or currently working as applied sociologists.
- A current list of applied sociology programs

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# PUBLICATIONS

### Co-Chairs: Chaitanya Lakkimsetti and Manisha Desai

This past quarter was a very busy and exciting one for the Publications (Pubs) Committee. The co-chairs participated in the successful search for the next editors of *Gender & Society*, Professors Patricia Richards and Sharmila Rudrappa, the first time that the journal will have co-editors. Meet them and learn about their vision for the journal in the next edition of *Network News*!

Thanks to Professors Josephine Beoku Betts, Victoria Reyes, Amy Stone, and LaTonya Trotter for their work on the *Gender & Society* Editor search committee.

The co-chairs also participated in the Sage Contract Negotiating committee made of Professors Chris Bose, Dana Britton, and Don Ferree in addition to officers Jennifer Brown, Melanie Heath, Veronica Montes, Mary Osirim, Lisnic Rodica, and Roberta Villalon. The team successfully negotiated the new contract with Sage. Thanks to all members of the Contract Negotiating committee for their work.

In addition to these two important achievements for SWS, over the past year, Pubs has produced two documents that are currently under review by Council. One is a visual map of Pubs responsibilities and a document that outlines how to handle racism and sexism in reviews. Based on the co-chairs' experience on the search for *Gender & Society* editors, we also produced another document related to future Editor searches. This document is also under review by Council. Once we hear back from Council we will share these with the membership at large.

At the Winter meeting, Pubs organized a workshop with Professor Barbara Risman, *Gender & Society* Editor, Manisha Desai and LaTonya Trotter (members of the Editor Search Committee), on what's involved in being a *Gender & Society* Editor. It was much appreciated by participants who were at various stages in their academic careers but appreciated the myriad aspects of an editor's work and its implications for publishing in *Gender & Society*.

In the future we plan to organize workshops on how to review manuscripts and welcome our members' ideas on what they might find useful.

Another important initiative that Pubs will be launching in collaboration with Sister to Sister, International Committee, and Professional Development is a group mentorship program to increase visibility for BIPOC and Global South scholars in *Gender & Society*.

In the coming months, we will be searching for a professional publicist and will continue important discussions related to open data and open access.

Finally, at the Winter meeting we bid an emotional adieu to our indefatigable outgoing members, Senior Chair, Victoria Reyes and member Zakiya Luna, and welcomed new, although highly experienced long time SWS members, Professors Marlese Durr and Laurel Westbrook.

# STUDENT CAUCUS

### Co-Chairs: Alexis Grant-Panting and Pedrom Nasiri

The student caucus has been very busy over the past few months! First, we want to congratulate and welcome Pedrom Nasiri as your Student Representative-Elect. We also want to thank all the students who participated in our student sponsored sessions and activities at the Winter Meeting. We had many great conversations about public sociology and scholar activism. We also raffled off two books to session participants, *The Activist Academic: Engaged Scholarship for Resistance, Hope and Social Change* by Colette Cann and Eric J. DeMeulenaere and *Anti-Racist Scholar-Activism* by Laura Connelly and Remi Joseph-Salisbury.

After the Winter Meeting, on February 1, 2023, the Student Caucus, in collaboration with the Association of Black Sociologists Professional Development Committee and Graduate Student Committee, hosted an information session with the Federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on its Pathways Program. The Pathways Program offers students and recent graduates career opportunities in the Federal government through paid internships and leadership development programs. Our session had over 170 registrants and nearly 60 participants via Zoom. Thank you to everyone who registered and participated. Additionally, OPM has offered to host more workshops related to resumes for Federal jobs, interviewing, and so on. Please reach out to our contact at OPM, Lawrence President at Lawrence.President@opm.gov if you would like to schedule workshops on your campus.

Lastly, the student caucus hosted its open committee meeting on February 15, 2023. We will be hosting a follow up meeting for students in March. Please check your email for dates. In the meantime, if you have not completed the SWS Annual Student Caucus Committee Survey 2023-2024, please take the time to do so. The survey helps to shape our student priorities and program for the year.

If you're interested in helping with the student caucus, please reach out to your student representatives Alexis Grant-Panting and Pedrom Nasiri at students@socwomen.org.

PHOTO: SWS Student Members with books

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# SOCIAL ACTION

### Co-Chairs: Evonnia Woods and Heather Hlavka

A big congratulations again to Kavya Subramaniam, the 2023 awardee of the Sociologists for Women in Society Undergraduate Social Activism Award. Happy that we were able to honor Kavya at the Winter Meetings in New Orleans. We are also excited to welcome Evonnia Woods, Senior Movement Building and Research Manager of Reproduction located in St. Louis, as our newly elected co-chair of the Social Action Committee to serve with Heather Hlavka (Co-chair). Congratulations Evonnia!

Heather and Evonnia will be working in partnership with the Awards and Academic Justice Committees on the newly announced Academic Transformation Award. Stay tuned for more information on this special award to celebrate the institutional labor performed by those feminist leaders who aim to transform the academy toward a more inclusive and just social institution.

The Social Action Committee is continuing our virtual Sustaining Activism Gatherings for all SWS members interested in generative conversations about activism and supporting each other. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST. Please join us whenever you are able as we aim to hold space for each other.

And an important reminder if you are engaged in social action work! Remember to apply for the Social Actions Initiative Awards (SAIA) for funds to support it! Submit your applications for the Spring SAIA cycle deadline of April 1.

## Congratulations to Kavya Subramaniam, the 2023 SWS Undergraduate Social Action Award Winner!

The Undergraduate Social Action Award is given annually to recognize students or a team of students making a substantial contribution to improving the lives of women in society through activism. SWS initiated this award in 2003. The work honored by this award is central to the SWS goal to foster activism for women. SWS recognizes that action "for women" does not mean that the work was done "with women" or even "by women." Substantial need exists for social action working with working with men, boys, LGBTQ communities and other groups where change will benefit women and can be understood as feminist action. Therefore, SWS recognizes work done in this spirit regardless of applicant gender identity.

Kavya Subramaniam is the 2022 Undergraduate Social Action Awardee.

A special thank you to the SWS 2023 Undergraduate Social Action Subcommittee: Kris De Welde (Co-Chair), Heather Hlavka(Co-Chair), Marley Olson and Melody Huslage. Thank you to Dr. Clare Daniel for nominating Kavya for this prestigious award.

**Kavya Subramaniam** is a fourth-year student at Tulane University studying Neuroscience and Philosophy. She is currently serving as the Executive Coordinator of Big Easy EC, a local organization dedicated to providing free and confidentially delivered emergency contraception (EC) and pregnancy tests to students 24/7. Kavya has been involved in various aspects of reproductive justice work on Tulane's campus, including serving as a peer advocate through Tulane's Sexual Aggression and Peer Hotline Education Program (SAPHE) and as an Emergency Medical Technician through Tulane EMS.

As noted in her nomination materials submitted by Dr. Clare Daniel: *Upon being elected to her position as executive coordinator, Kavya took the initiative to create a handbook for all volunteers, which explains the procedures and considerations that ensure the safety of volunteers and facilitate access to EC, pregnancy tests, and other sexual and reproductive health resources. Kavya has also worked hard to ensure a consistent supply of EC and other sexual health materials in the midst of a national EC shortage. She manages a team of 33 volunteers and oversees outreach for the organization. In this post-Roe era, in which there is no access to legal abortion in the state of Louisiana, the work of Big Easy EC has become increasingly important, and Kavya has stepped up to the task of leading them with the utmost skill and thought. Moreover, Kavya maintains a rigorous academic course load and various other extracurricular commitments, including as a member of the Sexual Aggression Peer Hotline and Education and an emergency medical technician for Tulane University and the City of New Orleans. Tulane's community has benefited immensely as a result of her time here.*

PHOTOS: Kavya receiving her award at the Winter Meeting Awards Ceremony (left, by Tracy Ore), Kavya Subramaniam (right)

# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Publications

### ARTICLES

★ **Gina Marie Longo,** "The Internet As A Social Institution: Rethinking Concepts for Family Scholarship" in *Family Relations.*

★ **Sarah A. Robert,** Min Yu, Fernanda Sauerbronn and Banu Özkazanç-Pan, "Starting a Dialogue in Difficult Times: Intersectionality and Education Work" in *Gender, Work, & Organizations.*

★ **Nayia Kamenou,** "Feminism Contested and Co-Opted: Women, Agency and Politics of Gender in the Greek and Greek-Cypriot Far Right" in *European Journal of Women's Studies.*

★ **Ophra Leyser-Whalen** and **Adelle Dora Monteblanco,** "Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) in General Education Courses" in *Understanding Interventions.*

## Celebrations - Congratulations!!!

★ **Mindy Fried** is the recipient of grants from The Boston Foundation, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, City of Boston Arts & Culture, and generous support from an anonymous donor through The Boston Foundation's donor program. All funds support her continued work on a collaborative project with the youth nonprofit ZUMIX, "Open Your Heart: Immigrant Stories and Music from Boston and Beyond," that documents immigrant stories in East Boston. Youth assisting with data collection will receive training in sound design and audio editing, and are being trained by a professional actor/director to perform their own stories, and those of their interviewees, in a full-scale production at Boston's City Hall.

★ **Natasha Santana** is now the full time Administrative Officer for SWS! Thank you Natasha for all that you do for our organization. We are so lucky to have you.

PHOTO: Natasha Santana, SWS Administrative Officer

## Feminist Impact Work

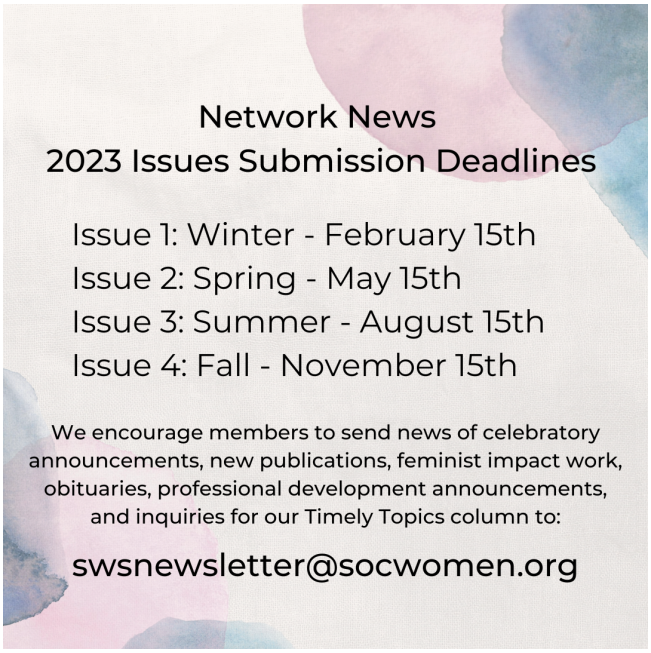
★ **Joya Misra** was a guest on the Sociology for Dark Times podcast.

★ **Stacy Torres** shares her essays "This Must Be the Place" in *UCSF Magazine* and "Why Doctors Don't Want Patients Like Me, and How It Impacts All of Us" on W.W. Norton's *Everyday Sociology Blog*, and an Op-Ed, "My path to academia was like a Hollywood story. But becoming a professor shouldn't take miracles" in the San Francisco Chronicle.

★ **Celeste Graham** published an Op-Ed in *Forth Worth Weekly*, "The Factual Retelling of History Is the Greatest Tool that Activists and Advocates Have."

★ **Gina Marie Longo** shares a blog post for the London School of Economics U.S. Phelan Centre, "Immigrant Spouses Who Want to Come to the U.S. Are Forced to Learn to Play Along with the State's Idealized Version of the American Family."

★ **Adia Harvey Wingfield, Ethel Mickey, and Melissa Abad** participated in a virtual ASA Panel, "Organizational Lenses on Intersectionality."




# PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

★ **SUBSCRIBE TO THE SWS YOUTUBE CHANNEL!**
*Instructions on how to subscribe:*
Subscribe to a YouTube channel

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  - Below the video whose channel you want to subscribe to, tap the channel icon.
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*How to get notifications:*
When you subscribe to a channel, YouTube will automatically send you notifications about the highlights from that channel. You can opt to get a notification every time the channel publishes content by changing your notification settings.

★ **Applied Worldwide Partnering with Sociologists for Women in Society:** Applied Worldwide has forged a new partnership with Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) to highlight and connect feminist applied professionals. SWS members have been invited to submit Applied Worldwide profiles that are also linked to the SWS website and feminist applied professionals are encouraged to join SWS. Applied Worldwide is a content production and media company focused on enhancing a vision of applied sociology. They provide their audience with high-quality content, services, and partnerships that center sociology on its practical knowledge and skills. By partnering with professional organizations, university departments, and individuals, we represent the work and ideas of over 100 sociologists and students from over 20 countries. To learn more about Applied Worldwide, you can visit the website at https://www.appliedworldwide.com.

★ **SWS LISTSERVS:** SWS has a number of listservs available for members. You can manage your subscriptions to them in your MemberClicks Profile. To subscribe to the general listserv, send an email to: sws@lists.socwomen.org. If you have questions about your listserv setup, please email Natasha Santana at: nsantana@socwomen.org.

★ **Photographer Roslyn Banish has developed a traveling exhibition called "Focus on Abortion" that you can apply to host in your community!** The traveling exhibition features the photographs and personal narratives of 19 people who had an abortion. It is a subset of the stories featured in her book *Focus on Abortion*. She is currently seeking venues for the exhibit in 2023. The traveling exhibit is free of charge except for the cost of one-way shipping to the next venue. Learn more information about the project at: https://focusonabortion.org/. And about the traveling exhibit here: https://focusonabortion.org/traveling-exhibit.

★ **FEMINIST RESOURCE COLLECTIONS FOR COURSE PREP AND BEYOND:** Looking for feminist resources for the (re)design of a course? Check out the following:

- The SWS Applied Sociology website.
- SWS member crowdsourced list of Global Teaching Resources on COVID-19 and SWS's list of Black Feminist Scholars.
- The Gender & Society blog's pedagogy project includes a series of teaching modules created by students from around the world that center topics important to the sociology of gender. *Gender & Society* authors and board members reviewed and edited these lesson plans to ensure that they will be helpful tools in building your syllabi.
- *Signs* has a collection of syllabi suggestions for some commonly taught courses in women's, gender, and sexuality studies.
- The SWS Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) has compiled a collection of teaching materials, "Applying the CEDAW Framework to Teaching About Women's Struggles During the Time of COVID-19"

★ **UMass Amherst ADVANCE Presents National Capstone Webinar Series - Faculty Collaboration and Equity:** Collaboration can be a powerful tool for building faculty equity. This webinar series distills four years of UMass ADVANCE research and proven practices on how collaboration can be harnessed for greater equity among faculty including: with shared decision-making, during a pandemic, through peer mentoring, and on research teams. Since 2018, the UMass ADVANCE Institutional Transformation program has been working to transform higher education by cultivating faculty equity, inclusion, and success through the power of collaboration. Our workshops, tools and resources, and publications have all been aimed at creating more equitable and collaborative careers for STEM faculty. We invite you to sign up for these webinars, which will leave you with a clear set of tools to create more equitable work environments! Register HERE.

- **Equitable Collaboration Practices,** *April 4, 2023, from 4:00-5:00 pm, Zoom with Laurel Smith-Doerr and Jennifer Normanly, UMass Amherst ADVANCE*

★ **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA:**

★ **The (up)Roaring 2020s: Sociology's Responsibility in Addressing Recurring Social Problems**, Saturday, April 1, hosted by the Sociology, Criminology & Human Services Department in Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY). The symposium will feature scholarship from undergraduates, graduate students and early career faculty from upstate New York, with attendees and participants discussing contemporary social issues, including the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the impact of COVID-19 on progressive movements, the war in Ukraine, and the populist uprisings across the globe. Those interested in attending can register here. Questions? Contact Department Chair and Symposium Organizer Elena Chernyak at chernyake@hartwick.edu.

★ **International Congress: Combating Gender-Based Violence,** Lille University (FRANCE), July 3-6, 2023. Dr. Elena Chernyak (Hartwick College) holds two panels during this congress. Read more about these panels HERE. Please, circulate the information about this conference, call for abstracts, and panels among your colleagues whose scholarship lies in the area of gender-based violence (e.g., violence against women, intimate partner violence, domestic violence against women) and who may be interested in attending this conference and presenting their work.

★ **CALLS FOR PAPERS (CFP), ABSTRACTS & COLLECTIONS: View more details about these and other calls on SWS's Learning Management System. The Learning Management System is accessible to all current members.**

★ **Invitation to Contribute to Encyclopedias** - Todd Shackelford (Psychology, Oakland University) is curating two new encyclopedias, and would like to extend an open invitation to prospective authors interested in contributing entries. Prospective authors are also encouraged to recommend colleagues or graduate students to contribute entries. *The Springer Nature Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence* will be a comprehensive encyclopedia of domestic violence and will include over 2,000 entries from authors across a wide array of disciplines. *The Springer Nature Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior* will be a comprehensive encyclopedia of evolutionary perspectives on sexual psychology and behavior, and will also include over 2,000 entries from authors across a wide array of disciplines. For additional information about either of these encyclopedias, or for a complete list of available entries, please contact Editor-in-Chief Todd Shackelford (shackelf@oakland.edu) or Section Editor Gavin Vance (gvance@oakland.edu).

★ **NEW JOURNAL Announcement: *Journal of Organizational Sociology*.** The journal is open access, with no costs for authors or readers, and is published in association with the Research Committee "Sociology of Organization" (RC17) of the International Sociological Association. "The uniqueness of the Journal of Organizational Sociology is its dual focus on (1) the sociology of organizations, but also (2) the organizational aspects of forms of social life more generally. The journal thus intends to explore the full spectrum of the organizational dimensions of sociology. It covers the full range of sociological theory traditions and writing styles; no tradition in sociology or organizational theory is favoured above another." For more information on the journal and for instructions on how to submit see HERE. The first issue will appear in 2023.

★ **Call For Papers, Special Issue of *Violence Against Women*, "Embodied Empowerment: Somatic Approaches to Gender Violence and Trauma."** We seek to bring together writing on somatic approaches examining collective healing through the lens of embodied empowerment, asking how it is experienced as a gendered body across diverse social settings at the intersections of race, class, sexuality, ability, and nationality. From intersectional feminist vantage points, we are seeking to include academic research, public-facing scholarship and activism rooted in lived experience, and practitioner-based knowledges. Thus, each submission may address different aspects of the complex relationship between therapeutic movement practices and social justice movements from within decolonial and feminist epistemological and ethical approaches. In so doing, we hope to enrich our understanding of the relationship between gendered bodies, power, somatics, and trauma. **Abstracts due by April 3, 2023.** For those abstracts accepted, full journal manuscripts have a tentative due date of August 15, 2023. Read the full call HERE.

★ **Call For Papers, Special Issue of *Social Science & Medicine*, "Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in Dangerous Times." Deadline:** September 1, 2023
**Full Call:** https://socialscience.msu.edu/research/thematic/sgm/journal.html
**Overview:** Transgender medicine and healthcare is a field of that has provoked great interest among social scientists in recent years. This area of study cross-cuts a vast array of disciplines, draws on the intersection of gender, race, class, ability, and immigration status, and is (simultaneously) developing into a political minefield for legal, educational, medical, and pharmaceutical industries. Tied to the study of trans medicine, health, and healthcare are substantive areas in the social study of medicine, including: science and technology studies, health inequalities, medical education, professions and organizations, reproductive justice, knowledge production, and culture. This special issue will include innovative empirical research on transgender medicine and healthcare during a moment of hyper-visibility and dangerous times and is shaped by the overarching irreverent though apt question: What the hell is wrong with trans medicine and healthcare how can we fix it? We welcome submissions on a wide range of topics related to: 1) emergent intersectional inequalities in trans medicine, health, and healthcare; 2) socialization and medical training for providers of trans medicine and healthcare; 3) centering patient experiences and embodied knowledge; and 4) the social, political, and legal construction of health, healthcare, medical knowledge, practices, and culture in trans medicine, health, and healthcare. We are seeking empirical or theoretical papers from social scientists across a wide array of disciplines. We particularly welcome submissions that explore these issues in the context of the Global South. **Guest editors: Dr. Stef M. Shuster**, Michigan State University (sshuster@msu.edu), **Dr. Carla A. Pfeffer**, Michigan State University (cpfeffer@msu.edu), **Dr. Anna Kirkland**, University of Michigan (akirklan@umich.edu).

The Human Sexuality Program at the California Institute of Integral Studies will be hosting a Sexuality Research Data Lab and Research Fellowship this summer 2023.

While priority will be given to CIIS Human Sexuality Students, there will be open spots for MA, PhD students, and Postgraduate PhDs interested in sexuality studies from other schools.

## What will we be doing?

Building 4 qualitative data banks to be used in the study of sexuality studies. Once the data banks have been completed fellows will be supported in the initial coding of their data to support a conference paper. Teams may also continue work past the summer to produce publications from their work.

The four topic areas will be: Sexuality and Housing, Family and Sexuality, Sex Work, Disability and Sexuality

## What is the time commitment?

10 hours weekly (6 flexible independent, 4 contact)
9am till noon pacific time on Fridays
for discussions, trainings, and team meetings.

## When does it start/end?

June 1st – August 30th
All meetings are virtual

## What will I get out of it?

- Research experience
- Publication opportunities
- Connection to other sexuality scholars
- Mentorship

## How do I apply?

- Using this form here https://forms.gle/aQG2mysDgA2MLxnB8
- You will need:
  - An updated C.V.
  - Details of your previous research experience
  - An idea on whether you want to be a topic expert, data specialist, or general fellow
  - To know which banks you would like to work with

If you are have a PhD / are a faculty member and are interested in helping mentor fellows please email pharvey@ciis.edu

**Deadline for priority applications March 1st, late applications will be accepted till April 1st**
**We are hoping to be able to provide a stipend for fellows.**

# SWS Virtual Feminist Engagement Opportunities

## SWS WRITING GROUPS SCHEDULE

***MEMBERS ONLY GROUPS. COME JOIN US!**

**Monday**
12:30pm-3:30pm ET

**Tuesday**
10:30 am-12:30 pm ET
6:00 pm-7:30 pm ET

**Wednesday**
10:30 am-12:30 pm ET
12:30 pm-3:30 pm ET

**Thursday**
10:30 am-12:30 pm ET
12:30 pm-3:30 pm ET
4:30 pm-6:30 pm ET

**Friday**
10:30 am-12:30 pm ET
12:30 pm-3:30pm ET

*See MemberClicks "SWS Writing Groups" for more detailed information and Zoom links

## 2023 WRITING GROUPS NOTES

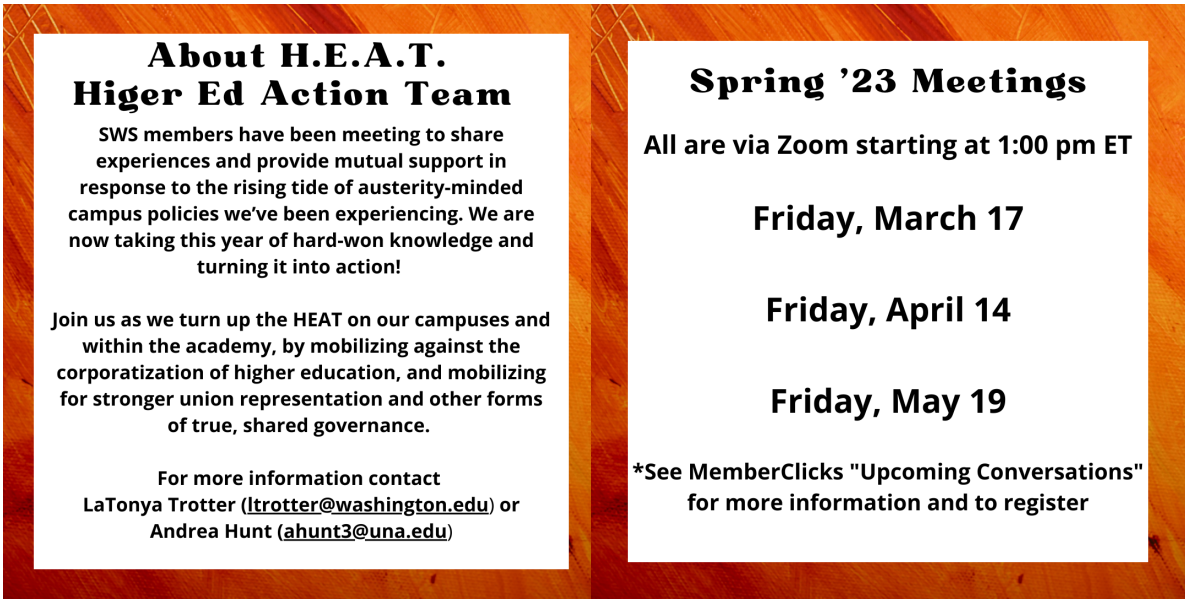
**2023 Writing Groups Begin on January 16, 2023**

*If you are interested in hosting a writing group at a time not already covered, email Penny Harvey (Pharvey@ciis.edu) with the time (in pacific and eastern), the day of the week, and a zoom link for your group.

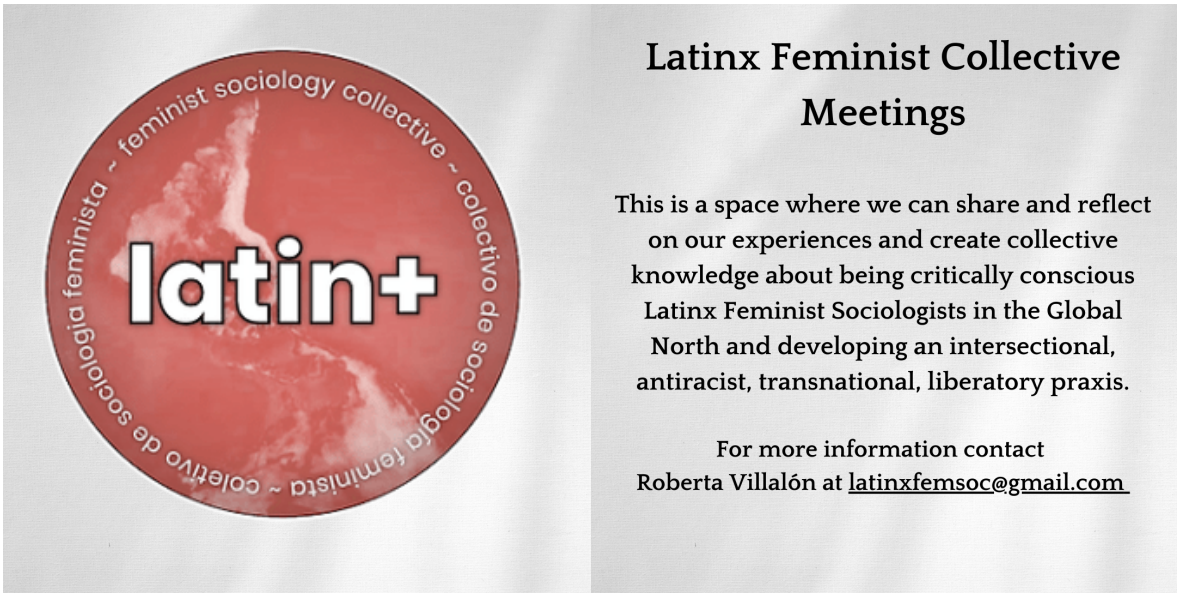
*THANK YOU to Penny Harvey for organizing this initiative and to all of our current writing group hosts (Surbhi Shrivastava, Emily Mrig, Ruth Hernandez, Penny Harvey, Dina Pinsky, and Simone Ispa-Landa) for making these important spaces happen!

### SWS Sexuality Researchers Workshop Group

If you are an SWS member and your research relates to sexuality, please consider joining the SWS Sexuality Researchers Workshop Group. We meet once a month to share our works in progress and give each other feedback. Our fall schedule has been the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm ET on Zoom. Typically, one person will distribute a paper or book chapter for discussion at each meeting. If you are interested in being added to our contact list and receiving a Zoom link, please contact Dina Pinsky pinskyd@arcadia.edu.




**Latinx Feminist Antiracist Liberatory Praxis Collective:** Learn more about the collective HERE.




## NEW! On The *Latin+ Feminist Blog*

[Speaking Non-English] by Roberta Villalón

**More information about all of these opportunities (including Zoom links) and resources can be found on the SWS Member Portal, MemberClicks: https://sws.memberclicks.net/**

### Feminist Support Group Meeting - Tuesday, March 28 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT

Join members of the SWS Community as we navigate challenges together.

March 28 Meeting Theme is: Building Solidarity With Those Confronting Challenges Related to State or National Guidelines/Policies in their Workplaces

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscuyupzwsG9cD0Te4bg2rZ9W_32OrGvFW

# IN MEMORIAM

## ROBIN LEIDNER (1957-2022)

Robin Leidner was an associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn). Dr. Leidner was a leading feminist scholar and a specialist in the sociology of work. Leidner was the author of the influential book, *Fast Food, Fast Talk: Service Work and the Routinization of Everyday Life* (1993). The book was the winner of the Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship from the American Sociological Association Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work in 1994.

Robin grew up on Long Island, graduated from Harvard University in 1980 with a B.A. in sociology, and then worked as an actor and playwright with the Rhode Island Feminist Theater before starting graduate work at Northwestern University, finishing in 1988 and accepting a job at Penn. Her students and colleagues remember her warmly as a co-worker and graduate chair, a devoted teacher, and a kind and caring mentor. Robin retired in the spring of 2022 and died at home on September 23, 2022, of complications from breast cancer. She was 65 and is survived by her mother, Marilyn (Maggie) Leidner; her brother, Michael Leidner; her sister-in-law, Beth Leidner; her nephew, Destin Leidner; and her partner of many years, the sociologist Sam Kaplan.

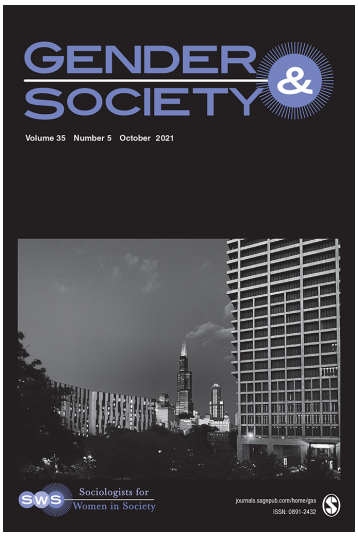
Thank you to Robin's partner, Sam Kaplan, for sharing the obituaries and eulogy he wrote to honor Dr. Leider's legacy so we could excerpt them for this column.

PHOTO: Robin Leidner, Ph.D.

**Read more about Dr. Leidner's legacy here (the information above has been excerpted from these sources):**

- An obituary written by her partner, retired sociologist Sam Kaplan, and Annette Lareau for *Footnotes* (Vol. 51, Issue 1).
- A column in the University of Pennsylvania's *Almanac.*
- An obituary on the University of Pennsylvania Sociology Department's webpage, "In Remembrance of Robin Leidner, Ph.D."

# GENDER & SOCIETY

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Did you know *G&S* has a podcast?! Check it out here.

# 2023 SUMMER MEETING

**Committee Meetings and Business Meeting to Take Place on Friday, August 18, 2023**
**Workshops to Take Place on Saturday, August 19 - Sunday, August 20, 2023**
**Philadelphia, PA**
**Co-Presidents - Melanie Heath and Mary Osirim**

Please be reminded that SWS Summer Meetings are held in tandem with the ASA Annual Meeting.
As per a long-standing agreement between SWS and ASA,
SWS Summer Meeting attendees **must be registered** for the ASA 2023 Annual Meeting.

## Co-Presidents' Message to Members:

We are delighted to inform you about our plans for the SWS 2023 Summer Meeting, which will include two parts this year. First, we will have an in-person meeting in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown from August 19 - 20, 2023. We are grateful that the American Sociological Association has provided this meeting space for us at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Second, we will have a virtual Students' Research Symposium to be held in September 2023.

Given the many competing events of the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting (August 17th-21st) and other sociological meetings during this period (e.g., ABS, SSSP, etc.), we decided to streamline the offerings of our Summer Meeting to enable our members to participate in all the phenomenal programming taking place in Philadelphia this August. This year, our in-person meeting will consist of several workshops that consider the "stages in the life cycle of a sociologist," from milestones in the life of a graduate student through preparing for retirement, for example, as an academic or an applied sociologist.

We have asked our Committee Chairs to plan the workshops for the Summer Meeting in response to member needs that they have identified through their SWS Committee work. For this reason, **we will not have an open call for submissions for the 2023 Summer Meeting**.

If you have an idea for a workshop, we do encourage you to reach out to the appropriate Committee Chair in March and early April as we have asked for Committee Chairs to submit their ideas to us by May 1, 2023.

Please note that all participants who are facilitators/presenters must be able to attend the meeting in Philadelphia - **in person**. We will not have the resources in place for virtual participation at the 2023 Summer Meeting in Philadelphia.

**In addition to featuring workshops, our Summer Meetings will include presentations from our 2022 SWS Feminist Activist Awardee, Georgiann Davis, and Honorary Feminist Sociologist, Sharon Harley, as well as our Reception and Awards Ceremony on Sunday evening, August 20.** We will provide information about the virtual Students' Research Symposium a bit later this spring.

We look forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia this August!

Sincerely,
Melanie Heath and Mary Osirim, SWS Co-Presidents

****For the most up-to-date information about the summer meeting visit:**
**https://socwomen.org/2023-summer-meeting/**

**Questions??**
Please direct questions to Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer, at swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com.

# 2023 WINTER MEETING MEMORIES

Thank you to Tracy Ore for sharing these images.

## SAVE THE DATE!
## SWS Winter 2024 Meeting

January 25 – January 28, 2024
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

We are contracting with the Hyatt Tamaya Resort & Spa at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. SWS is holding its 2024 Winter Meeting on the land of the Pueblo of Santa Ana – Tamaya. The Tamaya Indian Reservation is located in North-Central New Mexico, along the Rio Grande. Tamaya is made up of three villages: Rebahene, Ranchitos and Chicale. More than 800 tribal members call the Pueblo of Tamaya home. Many tribal members are bilingual and proudly speak the Keresan language, the original language of the people of Tamaya. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and are grateful to have the opportunity to gather here and develop relationships with the local community.



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